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Letter dated 29 June 2010 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of resolution 1931 (2010), adopted unanimously by the Security Council at its 6348th meeting, held on 29 June 2010, which reads:

The Security Council,

Taking note of the letter to the President of the Council from the Secretary-General dated 18 June 2010 (S/2010/330), attaching the letter from the President of the International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia ("the International Tribunal") dated 31 May 2010,

Recalling its resolutions 827 (1993) of 25 May 1993, 1581 (2005) of 18 January 2005, 1597 (2005) of 20 April 2005, 1613 (2005) of 26 July 2005, 1629 (2005) of 30 September 2005, 1660 (2006) of 28 February 2006, 1668 (2006) of 10 April 2006, 1800 (2008) of 20 February 2008, 1837 (2008) of 29 September 2008, 1849 (2008) of 12 December 2008, 1877 (2009) of 7 July 2009, 1900 (2009) of 16 December 2009, and 1915 (2010) of 18 March 2010,

Recalling in particular its resolutions 1503 (2003) of 28 August 2003 and 1534 (2004) of 26 March 2004, in which the Security Council called on the International Tribunal to take all possible measures to complete investigations by the end of 2004, to complete all trial activities at first instance by the end of 2008, and to complete all work in 2010,

Taking note of the assessments by the International Tribunal in its Completion Strategy Report (S/2010/270) that the International Tribunal will not be in a position to complete all its work in 2010 and of the obstacles faced by the International Tribunal, and *expressing* its concern in this regard,

Noting the concerns expressed by the President of the International Tribunal about the loss of experienced staff, and *affirming* that staff retention is essential for the timely completion of the International Tribunal's work,

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Recalling that in resolution 1900 (2009) the Security Council underlined its intention to extend, by 30 June 2010, the terms of office of all trial judges at the International Tribunal based on the Tribunal's projected trial schedule and the terms of office of all appeals judges until 31 December 2012, or until the completion of the cases to which they are assigned if sooner, and requested the President of the International Tribunal to submit to the Council an updated trial and appeals schedule, including information on the judges whose extension of the terms of office or redeployment to the Appeals Chamber will be sought,

Recalling further that, pursuant to article 14, paragraph 3, of the Statute of the International Tribunal, as amended by resolution 1877 (2009), the term of office of each judge redeployed to the Appeals Chamber shall be the same as the term of office of the judges serving in the Appeals Chamber,

Convinced of the advisability of permitting nine ad litem judges to serve at the International Tribunal beyond the cumulative period of three years provided for in article 13 ter, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the International Tribunal,

Noting that one permanent judge and three of the ad litem judges currently serving at the International Tribunal will leave before the end of 2010 upon the completion of their respective cases,

Taking note of the updated trial and appeals schedule submitted by the President of the International Tribunal,

Acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Reaffirms* the necessity of trial of persons indicted by the International Tribunal and reiterates its call on all States, especially the States of the former Yugoslavia, to intensify cooperation with and render all necessary assistance to the International Tribunal, and in particular *calls* for the arrest of Ratko Mladić and Goran Hadžić, as well as other indictees of the International Tribunal;

2. *Notes* the importance of the International Tribunal being adequately staffed to complete its work expeditiously and *calls upon* the Secretariat and other relevant United Nations bodies to continue to work with the Registrar of the International Tribunal in order to find practicable solutions to address this issue as the International Tribunal approaches the completion of its work, and at the same time *calls upon* the International Tribunal to renew its efforts to focus on its core functions;

3. *Decides* to extend the terms of office of the following permanent judges at the International Tribunal, who are members of the Appeals Chamber, until 31 December 2012 or until the completion of the cases to which they are assigned or until the completion of their term as members of the Appeals Chamber, if sooner:

- Carmel Agius (Malta)
- Liu Daqun (China)
- Theodor Meron (United States of America)
- Fausto Pocar (Italy)
- Patrick Robinson (Jamaica)

4. *Decides* to extend the term of office of the following permanent judges at the International Tribunal, who are members of the Trial Chamber, until 31 December 2011 or until the completion of the cases to which they are assigned, if sooner:

- Jean-Claude Antonetti (France)
- Guy Delvoie (Belgium)
- Burton Hall (The Bahamas)
- Christoph Flügge (Germany)
- O-Gon Kwon (South Korea)
- Bakone Justice Moloto (South Africa)
- Howard Morrison (United Kingdom)
- Alphons Orie (The Netherlands)

5. *Decides* to extend the term of office of the following ad litem judges at the International Tribunal, who are members of the Trial Chamber, until 31 December 2011 or until the completion of the cases to which they are assigned, if sooner:

- Melville Baird (Trinidad and Tobago)
- Pedro David (Argentina)
- Elizabeth Gwaunza (Zimbabwe)
- Frederik Harhoff (Denmark)
- Flavia Lattanzi (Italy)
- Antoine Kesia-Mbe Mindua (Democratic Republic of Congo)
- Prisca Matimba Nyambe (Zambia)
- Michèle Picard (France)
- Árpád Prandler (Hungary)
- Stefan Trechsel (Switzerland)

6. *Underlines* its intention to extend, by 30 June 2011, the terms of office of the trial judges at the International Tribunal based on the Tribunal's projected trial schedule, and requests the President of the International Tribunal to submit to the Council an updated trial and appeals schedule no later than 15 May 2011;

7. *Decides* to allow ad litem Judges Baird, David, Gwaunza, Harhoff, Lattanzi, Mindua, Picard, Prandler, and Trechsel to serve at the International Tribunal beyond the cumulative period of service provided for under article 13 ter, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the International Tribunal;

8. *Urges* the International Tribunal to complete its work expeditiously;

9. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.

(*Signed*) Claude **Heller**
President of the Security Council